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THE CONFERENCE TO DAY.

election whether he should be the choice

contests before several State Legislatures and in almost every instance there was past several years The Times has been urging that this change he enade and has been urging also that until the change could be made the people of Virginia should adopt some means whereby they might by popular ballot express their

We were heartly in favor of the primary plan as proposed by the Rdanoke convention. Subsequently we urged upon the State Legislature to enact a general primary law, and, finally, when the call was issued some time ago for a conference in Richmond to take action in this matter, which was so dear to the heart of The Times, we gave our hearty approval and urged upon the Democrats of the State to send delegates to the conference and to make it, as far as possible, a representative body.

But soon strange rumors began to float around. It was charged that the callers of this conference were masquerading That they were pretending to have on abject in view, when, in point of fact they had another object in view. It was sharged that the object of the conference was not to promote the cause of popular election of United States Senators, but to advance the interests of some candidate who should be put up in opposition to Senator Martin. It was then that The Times let it be known that so far as it was concerned it was not making any friends to reward and no enemies to punish. That it was not trying to help any man to a seat in the United States Schate but was houestly endeavoring, as it had been endeavoring for six years, to help the people of Virginia to devise some vote their Senators in Congress. We in slated that the doors of the conference should be open to any regualrly chosen delegates and no questions asked. We insisted that whatever concealed motive there might be behind this movement it was clearly in the hands of the people and to employ it in the interest of their

The eyes of the people are upon the conference, and every word and act will for the veterans to-day. be criticized. It is for the delegates to say whether this is a conference for the candidates or a conference for the people. It is, in our opinion, a crisis in Virginia politics. A greater queston than the election of a Senator or than the method of published. With this fully acquired and

electing Senators is involved. The issue is between the people and the officeholders' trust, and the question is which

A LAWLESS ACT.

Mr. Edward Atkinson has addressed a letter to the Attorney-General of the communication of any kind to any private soldier or regimental officer of the United any Filipino in the Philippine Islands, or sewhere, directly or indirectly, by mail or otherwise."

He adds that what he did, and all that ne did, was to put into the United States mall eight copies of two pamphiets, four of each, addressed to Admiral Dewey, Professor Schurman, Professor Wor-General H. C. Otis, General Lawton, General Miller and I. F. Bass, correspondent of Harper's Weekly, The pamphlets bemselves had been written by him, preenators as documents worthy of a place rdered by the Senate to be printed and nistration has declared itself entitled considered it necessary to veil and con proclaim that it will invade the public

As we have already said, we do not believe Mr. McKinley was ever consulted about this act, or that he ever gave his authority for it. Some corporation at

ountry as dime museum freaks tried the wrong door. Instead of knecking at San Francisco they should have tried Boston,

The man who is laboring under an impression never gets paid for his work.

It looks as if it were only a matter now of a change of front either by the subcommittee or the railroad.

The hour of the President's next bath will be promptly recorded by the bright young man who caters to the news end

The gentlemen in charge of the politial calcium lights will have a busy day.

The plow trust, while it might be worked on shares, is surely running the trust business into the ground.

New York has a "lady burglar" who was found with a "jimmy" concealed about her. The desire for a "broader sphere" is liable to restrict some women

Von Diedrichs has obtained a three months' leave of absence, which he will be careful to spend coff the firing line."

McKinley has arrived at the Hot Springs but there is no record of Miles having tendered him his porcelain bath tub.

There are pros and cons to every subject, they say, but there seems an absence in the case of the Keely motor of

It is refreshing to know that Governor Thomas will not call off all the soldiers from the Philippines right away.

The baseball clubs, at least, do not have to play against the war bulletin boards as they did last year.

Hon, Billy Mason's pure food investigation will not strike its real gait until it tackles the ham named after him.

Dewey has accepted an invitation to a New York banquet to cost \$100 per plate. Of course, this cuts him out of the presidential candidate class.

or "Peach" Depew will be entirely caught up with his two months of silence before

Christian science makes wonderful cures until somebody gets sick.

The Raleigh got aground at Charleston. but it is hoped that Captain Coghlan will be able to float one of his best songs

Religion is not a name, as Briggs, of this day, and Tyng, Boggs and Stubbs of thirty years ago all go to prove.

A dictionary of college slang is to be

the athletic course faithfully pursued the coming "college bred" man will be able to hold his own in any of our newlyannexed islands.

A popular subscription has been started in South Carolina to rebuild General Wade Hampton's cottage, which was recently and generous and the amount will soon be subtroited. This is one of the most pleasing incidents of the Confederato re-ution in Charleston and shows how the Southern people love their old Confederate

The Salt Lake City Tribune, a staunch Democartic free silver paper, and published in a section of country which makes its ed in a section of country which makes has judgment worth listening to, declares that "our judgment is that it is useless to make another stand for sliver in this country until conditions change." Free sliver will not go down in the East—that is a certainty it has fost its hold in the West, as last fall's elections show; the South is going Democratic whether or no, so why be stubborn?—Nashville American.

can.

There is a cry from all parts of the country for party harmony. Conservative Democrats—these who think more of the great principles of the party than they think of free silver—are disposed to harmonize and get together on an old-time left-scaling latterm. The intolerant time Jeffesonian platform. The intolerant ones are those who think more of free silver than they think of Democracy. It is expected that the Richmond. Pe-

tersburg and Carolina railroad will be completed by December 1st. This new completed by December 1st. This new railroad, when finished, will connect Richmond with Ridgeway, N. C., which is on the Seaboard Air-Line road from Portsmouth to Atlanta, Ga. The Free Lance has reason to believe that ere long the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potennae railroad will either be a double track along with the Pennsylvania from Quantico, to Washington, or class there will be

it will be shall, the new line to the South and the extensive terminal improvements in contemplation, and to get the deal cinched as soon as possible. We the deal cinched as soon as possible. We believe that that is the wish of the people of Richmond.

New York bankers are pleased with the Wall street slump. They say that the effect will be to check wild cat specula-

tion and make values more steady.

Elliot F. Danforth, who has been tour-

ders here with a view to coming to

erners would be willing to give way. But they must have Bryan. They want an anti-trust plank and an income tax plank,

trusts and combinations to be held in Chicago, says the Times-Herald, during the present summer will be issued by the Civic Federation of this city within a few

When President Seth Low gave \$1,000. 000 for Columbia college's library, one of

REMAEFONTAINE, O., May 8.-Miss

accuses the mayor of having black She accuses the mayor of the second her character by summoning her man a witness after a raid had been made on a disorderly house about which also knew absolutely nothing. She chased into a drng store this morning and plied her whilp till it broke in two.

SOUTHERN NOTES.

The Florida State capital will not be changed from Tallahassee to Jacksonville, but it is probable that the Supreme Cour-and the Railroad Commission will be transferred to the place last mentioned.

Love of country caused William Kin-

ser, of Kentucky, to forget the yows made at the altar, and when the cell for troops was made he left home, family and State and entered the Fifth lithous that the contract the fifth lithous and State and entered the First times.

Infantry, Mrs. Kinser, not destring to have a husband who might be shot down at any moment, flied suit for divorce and secured a decree and was restored to her maiden name of Dora Thomas. The divorced husband and wife were remarried.

ast week at Bowling Green.

A public Mormon meeting was held in Chattanooga on Sunday last to the dis-gust of the city preachers.

John Weir, a New York capitalist, has secured an option on Tennessee zinc lands

near Knoxville and proposes to develop the properties.

A truck farmer near Hazlehurst, Miss. ran behind \$5.00 in his operations last year and had to mortgage his farm. This year he paid off the mortgage out of the proceeds of his cabbage and berry sales. Another farmer in the same section re-fused a cash offer of \$5,000 for his cab-

bage crop. The stove manufacturers of Chatta-nooga have advanced the wages of their employes 10 per cent, to take effect at

From Her Loving Husband. ent of a brand-new garden plow Monday.

His Weak Point, Eskridge is to have a lady band. As a rule a lady band looks a lot better than it plays.—Valley Center (Kan.) Index.

Right at Home. "Thinkst thou," asked the actor-cap-tain, "we can storm yonder buildings the

"You ought to," said the orderly, only a barn -indianapolis Journal, ," said the orderly, "it is

Hassit-It's strange you're so hard up, old man. I thought you owned haif of Swamphurst, and had lots to sell? Haddit-I have; but what I want is lots

Should Always be Kept at Hand These Treacherous Spring Days.

This long desired agent in the preven tion and cure of disease has at length been found, It has been stamped with the Government's approval, and endorsed

by the medical profession. An eminent medical authority while speaking of grip and its proper treatment has this to say, "that while ordinary whiskey is either useless or danger-ous, or both, in the treatment of grip, Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is of the largest value in the treatment."

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No Interpreters Wanted, "Wallace, you don't seem to care for

Whao Tells the Story.

"Dau you believe men show character in the way they carry their umbrellas?" "No; but they show lack of character in the way they carry other people's um-brellas.—Chicago Record.

Wanted to Know. "What was it that Tommy asked that you scolded him so for?"
"Why, the little ninny wanted to know if they planted hird seed to raise "sparrow grass," "-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Discouraged.

"Spiffins has quit writing poetry," re-marked Mr. Gaswell to Mr. Dukane.

BRYAN AND BELMONT.

Elliot Danforth Says the South Wants Bryan More That it Wants Silver.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Citizens and Other Matters.

Mr. J. M. M. Gregory, who has been unite sick, is still confined to the house The out-door sketching class of the Art Club will meet at 9:30 o'clock to-mor

norrow morning and will spend the day it Forest Hill Park. Miss Madge Wheeler, of Fredericks-burg, Va., is visiting Miss Maraie South-ern, on 217 north Twenty-seventh street, in this city.

The meeting of the Hollywood Memo-

Mr. J. T. Craig. member of the House of Delegates from Rockbridge county, is in the city and stopping at Ford's Hotel, He will attend the convention at the Mozart Academy to-day.

The many friends of Mies Ellora E. Chapin will regret to learn of her liness. She is now at the Virginia Hospital with appendicitis. It has not been determined yet that an operation will be necessary. yet that an operation will be a supported by the first Elizabeth Brabezon Comba, daughter of Col. Bishard Comba, Fifth United States Infantry, now acationed at Santiago, and Miss Eleanor Mara McCrargen, of Frederickeburg, Va., are the guests of Mrs. J. E. McKenny, 312 cast Main street, for a few days.

Evangelistic services conducted by Evangelistic services conducted by Evangelist De Vol, of Waterloo, Iowa, commenced last night at 8 o'clock at the Christian takernacle, on Twenty-sixth street between Leigh and M. There will be services every night with the exception of Saturday night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Richmonders in New York NEW YORK, May 9.—Special.—The fol-lowing people are registered in this cit-to-day; W. Scott, St. Denies A. F. Cordes Hetel Imperial; W. Tucker, Cosmopoli

A Contemporary's Complaint,

The Petersburg Index-Appeal reproduces some remarks of ours concerning the May conference, and renews its argument in favor of delay. Our contemporary wants the whole question postponed until another time, and asks what harm can be in this healthmanner and wishes to know the whole question postponed until another time, and asks what harm can be in this postponement, and wishes to know why the advice of the Index-Appeal should not be taken.—Richmond Times.

We should like to commend to the emulation of our exteemed contemporary the wortny example of Daniel Webster. It is said of the Great Expounder that he always stated an adversary's arguments with the utmost clearness, candor and force, so that the refutation which followed might lack nothing in completeness. We submit it to the intelligence and fairness of our contemporary to say if the foregoing is a candid and correct statement of the Index-Appeal's arguments on this question. In dissenting from our views, as he does in his comments, it seems to us that he was under special obligation to state us fairly if not A Wife's Solicitude.

Jones was just leaving his home to catch the morning train for a neighboring city, where he had been called suddenly on business.

"Now, 40 be careful, John, about geting en and off the train," cautioned his

### A HARMLESS STIMULANT. NORTH CAROLINA SUPRÈME COURT

Decides in Favor of Democratic Contestants in That State.

LACY ASSISTANT BOOK-KEEPER

The Richmond Ex-Postoffice Clerk Makes a Model Prisoner-Smallpox is Disappearing-Party of Home Seekers for Colorado,

have been argued before it. In the agreed Agriculture and the former Fusion Board.

The Superior Court's decision in the suit of Cherry, who was elected keeper of the Capitol by the Legislature, against Burns, Fusioniat, who tried to hold over, is sustained and Burns departs.

Cherry arrived this afternoon and assumed bit attacks. THE PRINTING CASE.

THE PRINTING CASE.

Judge Brown is also sustained in his decision against the Capital Printing Company (Barnes Brothers) in their suit against the members of the legislative committee who awarded the public printing contract. The contract was first given to Barnes Brothers, then whon a block area it was given to Edwards &

MARRIED IN LEXINGTON.

Mr. Orchard and Miss Rellly Surprise

Their Friends-Veterans Leave, daughter, Miss Julia D. Reilly, was wed-ded to Mr. George H. Orchard, of the Craighilt Drug Company, Lynchburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert J. McBryde, D. D., rector of Grace-

day Baltimers and Ohio train for visit to Washington, after whice will go to Dunville to spend a for

will go to Danville to spend a law day with the groom's parents. Their future home will be in Lynchburg.

The marriage of Mr. John W. Davis, of Clarkeburg. W. Va., to Miss Julia McDonald, daughter of Major and Mrs. S. H. McDonald, of Jefferson county, W. Va., is announced. Mr. Davis is a graduate of both the academic and law schools of Washington and Lee University. He was also assistant professor of law at



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#### PETERSBURG VETERANS.

Leave for Charleston-Contract Let for

HUNG JURY IN SUFFOLK.

The One-Armed Negro Murderer to

Have Another Chance.

ging. Later five of them changes the end there were three for the pensity and nine for eighteet impressiment. A verdict of death was expected.
Soul, a one-armed negro, stabbed Tom
Jones to death in a bar-room March
Sth ast, without any provocation so far
as sk. in in the evidence. Scoti's only
plea was drunkenness. He claimed not
to remember the killing.
balah Pitt was to-day tried for shooting Harvey Hicks and acquitted. Hicks
had made in Pitt's presence, a statement reflecting on the honor of his
(Pitt's) wife. The wound was not serious.
The Tom Smith Camp Confederate
Veterans left to-day for Charleston toattend the re-union. Their car was
prettily decorated in Confederate and
National colors.

SHERIFF OVERBEY DEAD.

This Popular Official Passes Away at His Home in Chatham.

Mr. William Irving Overbey, sheriff of Pittsylvania county, died at his residence here at 2.20 o clock this morning. For a number of years Mr. Overbey has suffered with rheumatism and for two years has seldom been able to leave his home. He was housed all the winter. home. He was housed all the winter, but since spring began he was able to come to his office several times. Thursday he came out for the last time, it was a cool, damp day and he contracted cold which developed into pneumonia which, with his broken down constitution, was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Overbey was born in Prince E ward county about forty-six years He came to Chatham when quite a ! man. In 1875 he was elected sheriff of the county and has held this responsible office ever since. He was a candidate

for re-election.

He filled his office with signal ability and fidelity and was the most widely known citizens of this county. Unquestionably, he was the most efficient sheriff the county has ever had. He leaves a wife and a grown son. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community.

British Ship Wrecked.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
May 9.—The British ship Loch Sloy, Captain Nicol, from Clyde on January 5th
for Adelaide and Melbourne, was wrecked
on Kansgaroo Island on April 2th. Five
passengers and twenty-five of the crew
were drowned. Four of those on board
to ship escaped from the wreck, but were drowned. Four of this on board the ship escaped from the wreck, but three of them are still wandering in the bush. Subsequently two of the sailors from the Lock Slov were saved after wandering in the bush. Thesswere obliged H ofheimer Bros., Cq. Propriefer

wandering in the bush. They were obliged to leave a passenger in the bush four days ago. He was then starving and helpless and is probably dead. The privations endured by the sailers were frightful.

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